

## Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

## § 52.3760

number of points that may be given such factors are:

	Points
(i) Color .....	30
(ii) Absence of defects .....	40
(iii) Character .....	30
Total score .....	100

(b) *Definition of flavor*—(1) *Good flavor*. (i) “Good flavor” in ripe type means a distinctive flavor characteristic of ripe type olives (including that of properly spiced olives) which have been properly prepared and processed and which are free from objectionable flavors of any kind.

(ii) “Good Flavor” in green-ripe type means a distinctive mellow flavor characteristic of green-ripe type olives which have been properly prepared and processed and which are free from objectionable flavors of any kind.

(2) *Reasonably good flavor*. “Reasonably good flavor” in either ripe type or green-ripe type (including that of properly spiced olives) means that the flavor may be slightly lacking in distinctly characteristic flavor for the respective type but the olives are free from objectionable flavors of any kind.

### § 52.3759 Determining the rating for the factors which are scored.

The essential variations within each factor which is scored are so described that the value may be determined for each factor and expressed numerically. The numerical range within each factor which is scored is inclusive (for example “27 to 30 points” means 27, 28, 29, and 30 points).

### § 52.3760 Color.

(a) *General*. The evaluation of color shall be determined within five minutes after the olives are removed from the container and is based upon the uniformity of the exterior color or general appearance as to color of the olives within the container. The evaluation of color in “halved” style is based on the uncut surfaces.

(b) *Color measurement of ripe type*. The color of ripe type is determined by comparison with a spinning disc of variations in percentages of the following Munsell color discs: Red (5R 4/

14), Yellow (2.5Y 8/12), and Black (N/1 Glossy).

(c) *Composite color standards*. Composite USDA Color Standards for Canned Ripe Olives are available and are comparable to the colors produced by the spinning discs.

(d) *Color appearance of green-ripe type*. Normal color for green-ripe type olives is yellow-green, green-yellow, or other greenish casts, any of which may have a mottled appearance that is typical of green-ripe type olives. Off-color means dark brown, dark purple or black olives.

(e) The USDA spinning color discs and the USDA composite color standards cited in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section are available from the USDA licensed supplier:

Munsell Color Company, Inc., 2441 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, Md. 21218.

(f) *Grade A*. Canned ripe olives that have a good color may be given a score of 27 to 30 points. “Good color” has the following meanings with respect to the applicable type and style:

(1) *Ripe type*—(i) *Whole; pitted; halved*. The olives or units have a practically uniform black or dark brown color. Not less than 90 percent, by count, of the olives or units have a color equal to or darker than the appropriate USDA Composite Color Standard or that produced by spinning the Munsell discs specified in paragraph (b) of this section in the following combination: 3½ percent Red, 3½ percent Yellow, and 93 percent Black.

(ii) *Segmented; sliced; chopped*. The general color impression of the olive as a mass is normal and typical of these styles prepared from olives with good color.

(2) *Green-ripe type*. The general color appearance of the olives shall be normal. Not less than 90 percent, by count, shall be practically uniform in such normal color for the type, and no off-color olives may be present.

(g) *Grade B*. If the canned ripe olives have a reasonably good color, a score of 24 to 26 points may be given. “Reasonably good color” has the following meanings with respect to the applicable type and style:

(1) *Ripe type*—(i) *Whole; pitted; halved*. The olives or units have a reasonably uniform black, dark brown or reddish-